

Marx on the Agrarian Question –

By Karl Marx

Introduction

By Utsa Patnaik

I disagree with the style of Marx here, that the poorest peasants should not be revolutionized and then mobilized against landlordism and even usurious money lenders. But I am aware that in Communism, the matter is settled. And so it becomes a bit, more creative in the direction of Marx's habit to call peasants the old Left, and working class the New element of class, in Althusser's sense. French

philosophers love the dictat to Dipankar Bhattacharaya – Marx is correct, but so is ethics and finally high ethics, which then is also a middle-class ethic, becoming theological. I mean just be Parsi on the question – what the peasant means is for the protests, and must be a peasant movement but perhaps also MNREGA, but in fact the question of peasants is in fact the main axis of old Lefts. It's a debate finally which I am oscillating between – old or new. I think we should read Marx as too new for us still. And Ranciere is a Cultural Revolution Marxists – he agrees though with the mass line.

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By Jacques Ranciere

I mean the concept of use-value is finally artistic, or what I call art regimes. I mean the mass line with the art regime, I agree with Marx that the mass protest should inspire more art in the cities, I mean just this is Marx.

I. Peasant Agitation

I mean that sack of potatoes, all gathering and protesting against capital. I also mean finally give it to cotton, and tailoring for the bourgeoisie, after this mass of peasants, with their demands on wages in even Communism.

II. Land Reforms

Win the land reform, and that is all.